

[54] **ANTIARTERIOSCLEROTIC SUBSTITUTED BENZIMIDAZOL-2-YL-AND 3H-IMIDAZO[4,5-b]PYRIDIN-2-YL-PHENOXY-ALKANOIC ACIDS AND SALTS AND ESTERS THEREOF**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Novel substituted benzimidazol-2-yl-phenoxyalkanoic acids, salts and esters thereof and 3H-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridin-2-yl phenoxy-alkanoic acid, salts, and esters which are useful as antiarteriosclerotic agents are disclosed. The compounds elevate the high density lipoprotein fraction of cholesterol and also lower the low density lipoprotein fraction of cholesterol. Methods for preparing and using the compounds are included.

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